CHAPTER XII—TRANSPORT.

(i) Government Road Transport Department.

General.

1272. There has been an alround improvement in the activities of the Department during the year. The year was mainly a period of consolidation and rationalisation and witnessed continued progress in bringing about uniformity in the working of the Department in all respects.

1273. The Department has maintained dispensaries at all divisional head-quarters except Raichur, for the benefit of the employees and their families. Welfare and recreational activities amongst the Mysore Government Road Transport Employees were organised in each unit.

1274. The operations of the Department were continued to be conducted by the six Divisions *Viz.*, Bangalore, Raichur, Hubli, Belgaum, Bijapur and Bangalore Transport Services, with the Central Office at Bangalore controlling and directing their activities.

1275. A Regional workshop was started at Bangalore with effect from January 1960.

Staff Strength

1276. The total staff strength of the Department including the two Regional Workshops and Central Offices, was 9,168 at the end of the year.

Fleet Strength.

1277. The fleet strength of the Department at the close of the year consisted of 1,525 passenger buses, 51 goods trucks and 86 Departmental vehicles.

1278. To meet the heavy demand from the public for starting new routes and extension of the existing services, steps were taken to increase the schedules on many routes and realignment of the existing services wherever necessary.

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1279. The progress of passenger transport operations during the year was:—

Particulars	1959-60	1958-59
1. Number of routes as on 31st March.	978	779
2. Route mileage as on 31st March.	31,245	25,749
3. Number of schedules as on 31st March.	997	837
4. Average daily service mileage	1,28,707	97,904
5. Total effective mileage ...	4,33,31,428	3,57,35,049
6. Average number of passengers carried per day.	3,51,969	2,91,274
7. Average earnings per day ...	Rs. 1,50,609	Rs 1,22,182
8. Earnings per mile (nP.)	126·9	132·3
9. Earnings per bus on road per day.	Rs. 1,548	151·2
10. Fleet held as on 31st March (excluding R.W.S)	1,461	1,112
11. Average number of vehicles held.	1,274	1,105
12. Average number of vehicles on road.	973	840
13. Vehicles utilisation (Miles) ...	129·6	119·4
14. Average carrying capacity ...	47·8	45·3

1280. With a view to removing the disparity in the fare structure that existed in the three different regions of the State, a uniform fare of 20 nP per stage of 4 miles or 5 nP per mile was introduced for moffusil operation. For City Operations, the revised fares are, 6 nP for the 1st mile, 5 nP for the 2nd mile and 4 nP for the 3rd mile and 3 nP per mile for the remaining portion of the journey.

Breakdowns and Accidents.

1281. There were a total number of 7,175 cases of breakdowns and 652 cases of accidents, while the rate of breakdowns per 10,000 miles has remained steady at 1·60, the rate of accidents per lakh miles has recorded a slight increase from 1·27 to 1·46 during the year.

Express Services.

1282. New Express Bus Services were introduced on some of the important routes all over the State, for the benefit of long distance passengers. There were 58 (34) such Express Service routes in all the five moffusil Divisions.

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1283. At the end of the year Luxury Bus Services in the following four routes were in operation :— Luxury Services.

1. Bangalore—Madras
2. Bangalore—Mangalore
3. Bangalore—Belgaum
4. Bangalore—Chitradurga.

1284. A special fare of 6 nP per mile was charged on these Luxury Services except on Bangalore—Madras route.

1285. The facility of parcel services were continued to be provided in the three Divisions of Hubli, Belgaum and Bijapur. The parcel traffic scheme had yielded an income of Rs. 2·37 lakhs. Parcel Traffic Scheme.

1286. The Department continued its concentrated efforts in rationalising the City Services at Bangalore and several measures aiming at improving the services and providing a better and adequate system of City Transport were implemented during the year. Bangalore Transport Service.

1287. With the addition of 87 new vehicles to the fleet, the vehicle position of the Division became satisfactory and self-sufficient. Five double-decker buses with a carrying capacity of 72 passengers started operations from 4th December 1959. In addition to these, 10 Leyland Special Tiger heavy duty vehicles with a carrying capacity of 57 passengers were also put on road during the year.

1288. As the Goods Transport Operations proved to be uneconomical, the operations in the three divisions of Hubli, Belgaum and Bijapur, were continued on a reduced scale. Goods Transport Operations.

1289. The Department had a net work of workshops spreadover throughout the State. It consisted of two major regional-workshops, five Divisional workshops and 37 Depot workshops. The two Regional workshops at Hubli and Bangalore, continued to attend to the retrieval of assemblies, reconditioning of bus bodies, chasses and other major assemblies, etc.

1290. The total revenue receipts of the Department during the year were Rs. 562·50 (476·81) lakhs. Of the total revenue, Rs. 529·96 lakhs were from passenger fares, Rs. 1·70 lakhs from goods operations, Rs. 10·99 lakhs from luggage and parcels carried and the rest from other miscellaneous sources. Finance.

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1291. The gross working expenses of the Department, including the provision in respect of interest on capital depreciation and other adjustments, was estimated at Rs. 498·37 lakhs, thus leaving a net balance of 64·12 lakhs for the year.

1292. The relation between the Employees and the Administration was satisfactory during the year.

(ii) Motor Vehicles Department.

Licensing of Drivers and Conductors.

1293. The District Superintendents of the erstwhile Mysore State continued to be the Licensing Officers while the Regional Transport Officers of the integrated areas viz., Bombay, Madras, Hyderabad and Coorg Karnatak, continued to be the Licensing Officers in those areas, since the Motor Vehicles Rules prevalent in those areas continued to be in force during the year.

Driving Licensees.

1294. A total number of 11,137 driving licenses were either issued or renewed during the year out of which 4,597 relate to those authorised to drive as paid employees A sum of Rs. 2,05,943—65 (Rs. 1,71,329—27) was collected during the year towards Driving License fees.

Conductors passes.

1295. Six thousand and fifty-five Conductors' passes were issued or renewed during the year.

1296. The Regional Transport Officers continued to be the Registering Authorities in respect of their regions

1297. Five thousand eight hundred and sixty-one vehicles were registered or re-registered during the year and a sum of Rs. 99,972—90 was realised during the year.

Convictions.

1298. The total number of convictions obtained by Police under Sections 112 to 127 of the Mysore Motor Vehicles Act during the year was 52,338.

Fitness Certificates.

1299. The number of Fitness Certificates issued was 15,029 (15,708).

Accidents

1300. The total number of convictions under the I.P.C. in relation to Motor Vehicles offences was 961 during the year, 92 cases related to section 304 (a) of the I. P. C. which relate to rash and negligent driving resulting in death or serious injuries.

Collection.

1301. The total amount of tax collected in respect of Motor Vehicles under all Heads amounted to Rs. 3,12,91,265—41 (Rs. 2,68,23,128—79).